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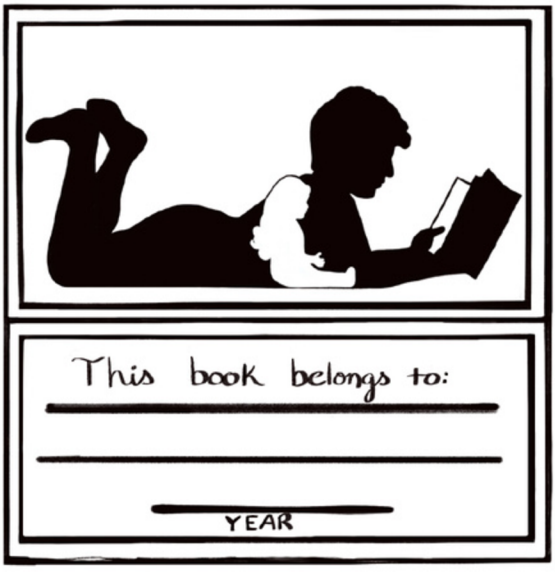

Dear doll lover, thank you for reading my first American Girl fanzine! This zine (short for "magazine") was created to allow doll fans and collectors to create their own personalities and stories for their dolls. The covers were drawn digitally in the style of the first American Girl (then called Pleasant Company) historical character books. These first edition covers were published in the 1980s and 90s, and are very nostalgic for American Girl fans of all ages.

Whether you're a new to dolls or a lifelong fan, I encourage you to use this fanzine as a jumping-off point for creating your own doll characters and stories. If this zine inspires you, I hope you'll keep creating and share your stories with the AG community!

This fanzine was designed and drawn by Ellie (they/them/theirs) 2025

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Using the Front and Back Covers

The front and back covers of this zine were inspired by the iconic first edition covers of the American Girl Collection "Meet" books of the 80s/90s. Create your own Meet book for your doll by adding text and a drawing to the covers.

1.The historical character's first book was titled Meet [Name]. Fill in yours with your doll's first or full name.

Please note The original books have the subtitle An American Girl, which has been *deliberately removed.* You may leave this space blank, or write in your own subtitle. (ex. An Indigenous Girl, A Japanese-American Boy, A Queer American Girl Fan)

2. Pleasant Company books wrote the historical character's year in these two bubbles. When does your doll's story take place? Write the date like this:

1978 → (19) (78)
2025 → (20) (25)

3. Draw a picture of your doll in their "Meet" outfit. These cover images were usually shown in a full body pose with foliage (and sometimes a fence) behind the character. Alternatively, paste a photo of your doll!

4. Fill in the blanks with your doll's name and yours, as the author.

5. Write a short summary about your doll's story or their personality!

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Full Name

Nickname(s) *Who calls them this?*

Pronouns

Some common pronouns are "she/her" or "he/him" or gender-neutral pronouns, such as "ze/hir," [pronounced: zee/heer] or "they/them". Some people use any pronouns, or none at all.

Gender

Age

Birthday

Year

Location

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Ethnicity

Religion

Hobbies

Likes	Dislikes

Family

Who raised your doll? Who do they live with? Do they have a chosen family?

Friends

Who does your doll consider their closest friends? How did they meet? Do they have any rivals or frenemies?

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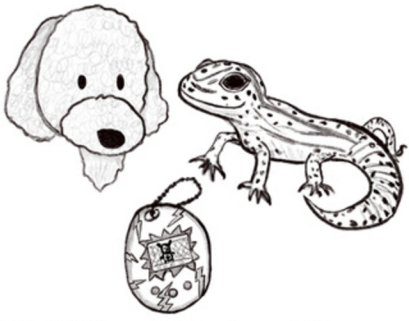


Does your doll have a pet, real or digital? How and when did they get their pet(s)?

Outfit & Accessories

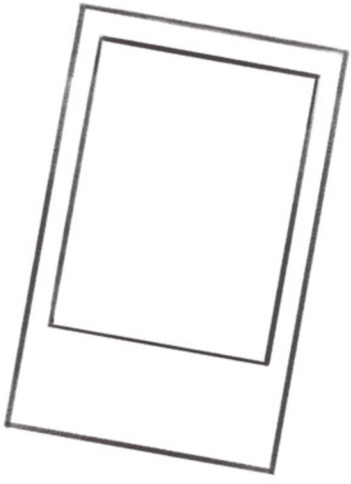
Pleasant Company and American Girl dolls from 1986 to today arrive dressed in their *Meet outfit,* a favorite or casual everyday outfit, usually shown on the cover of their Meet book. What does your doll like to wear and feel comfortable in?

What are your doll's daily *accessories?* AG dolls often have a hat or headcovering, a bag, and a piece of special jewelry. They might carry a cell phone, a signature accessory item, a book, or a favorite toy. Do they wear glasses, hearing aids, or use mobility aids? Do they carry emergency medications like an epipen or asthma inhaler?

Draw or describe your doll's meet outfit and accessories in the boxes below.

Meet Outfit	Accessories

Create some flair for your doll. Would they wear pins or patches? Do they decorate their space with photos, postcards, or letters from loved ones? What about newspaper clippings, tickets, and other mementos?



For all the wonderful friends I've met on agig, discord, and irl. Thank you for always inspiring me!

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Ellie (they/them/theirs) has been a fan of American Girl dolls since they received their first doll, Kirsten Larson, at the age of six. They started collecting and joined agig in 2014 after getting hired at the San Francisco Bay Area store on their 20th birthday. Thanks for the memories, AGSF! They have continued to collect AG dolls, outfits, accessories, and misc merch, and they enjoy taking photographs and creating backstories for their own dolls. Ellie's favorite dolls are Kirsten Larson and Marisol Luna, and they love Coconut!

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